Destruction of Fruit Trees.

95. ✻MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pattanamtitta*) Will the Government be pleased to state.

(*a*) whether enormous number of fruit trees has been recently cut down; and

(*b*) whether they have taken any steps to prevent or minimise such further destruction?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Additional Secretary to Government*): (*a*) It has come to the notice of Government that indiscriminate cutting down of fruit bearing trees like mango and jack is taking place.

(*b*) Yes. Government have issued a Press Note on 2-4-1943, advising people not to cut down such trees.

Felling of fruit trees.

96. ✻MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to prohibit the indiscriminate felling of fruit trees such as jack and mango?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The member is referred to answer to question No. 95.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know what steps Government have taken to prohibit the cutting down of such trees?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government have already given a warning. They will watch the result and take further steps if necessary.

Cholera epidemic in Chirayinkil.

97. ✻MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the precautions they have taken to check the spread of cholera epidemic in the coastal areas of Chirayinkil taluk?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): The following precautionary measures were taken:—

(*a*) Vigorous mass inoculation with the assistance of three Sub-Assistant Surgeons and four Sanitary Inspectors engaged for that purpose;

(*b*) Chlorination of all drinking water supplies in the area; and

(*c*) Delivering of lectures by the Health Educational Officers on cholera and its prevention, and distribution of pamphlets on the subject among the public.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the epidemic has been brought under control?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The epidemic has been brought under control in the Chirayinkil taluk. There has not been a single case of attack during the last two weeks.

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